

Certificate of Need Process Chart for Large Energy Facilities

Applicant provides notice of intent to file application to potentially affected persons.

Applicant submits application to the Public Utilities Commission and distributes to interested persons. ★

Need Review

Environmental Review

Public Utilities Commission refers case to independent Office of Administrative Hearings.

Administrative Law Judge conducts public hearings and assembles facts of the case. ★

Administrative Law Judge prepares report with Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendations.

Public Utilities Commission grants or denies Certificate of Need.

Public meeting is held in project area to receive comments on scope of Environmental Report. ★

Department of Commerce Commissioner determines the scope of Environmental Report.

Department of Commerce prepares Environmental Report.

★ Public Written Comment Accepted

□ Outline reflects Public Meeting